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HB 2241 RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS

Statement for
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Water, Land Use, Development, and Hawaiian Affairs
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HB 2241 and its companion bill HB 3234 would require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and publish statewide information lists related to public access to beaches, parks, and hiking trails, and to inventory restroom facilities at those locations. Funds would be provided to carry out the tasks specified.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The fundamental need of the state with respect to beaches, parks, and hiking trails is access. Pamphlets illustrating access and the location of restrooms facilities would be helpful but are of less importance. The information that would be developed as a result of this act, would provide an inventory of present access thus leading to a more comprehensive and defined description of additional access needs.

The listing of trails in such a pamphlet as is proposed, acknowledges that the State recognizes these usages and, in turn, would be responsible for safety on, and maintenance of, these trails.

We would encourage the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consult with the various trail and hiking clubs in the development of their access information.